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Status of Claims

1. This action is in reply to the reply brief filed on 09 August 2010.
2. Claims 24-41 are the subject of the present appeal.

Examiner Response

3. The reply brief filed on 09 August 2010 has been entered and considered. However, no further response by the Examiner is deemed necessary. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas M. Hammond III whose telephone number is 571-270-1829. The examiner can normally be reached Monday - Friday, 7AM - 5PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Kyle can be reached on 571-272-6746. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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